

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the current title at page 1 with the following amended title:

PINE CONE OBJECT RETRIEVAL AND STORAGE DEVICE

Please add the following new paragraphs at page 3, line 17:

Figure 6 show a perspective view of the device of Figure 1, with a multiple-part base mount.

Figure 7 shows an end view of the device of Figure 1, with a combination grid or mesh end-piece.

Figure 8 shows an end view of the device of Figure 1, with a plate end-piece.

Please replace the paragraphs at page 4, lines 4-18, with the following amended paragraphs:

The loops 3 may be fashioned from a single rod or wire, or from a plurality of rods affixed at their ends 10 to the base mount 2. The loops may be integrally molded with the base mount 2, or affixed by welding, bolting, clamping, screwing, or similar means. The base mount 2 can consist of a single pieces, such as a single metal plate or block of wood, as shown in Figure 3, or can comprise multiple parts, such as two rectangular bars or pieces affixed to each other by one or more cross-pieces, bars, rods, or plates, as shown in Figure 6. The latter configuration may reduce the weight of the device, and also allow the user to more easily view the contents of the basket 4.

The loops 3 forming the basket 4 can be reduced in size at either end of the basket 4 to close the basket 4, or one or both ends can be left open. Ends of the basket 4 that are left open in this fashion can be closed-off with end-pieces 5. Such end-pieces 5 may be fashioned from a single curved or bent rod, as shown in Figure 2, or from a grid or mesh structure, a plate, or some combination thereof, as shown in Figures 7-8. One or both, if two are present, of such end-pieces 5 may also be hingeably-attached to the basket 4 or the base mount 2 to allow for the easy

removal of objects collected by the device, with a latch or similar retaining device to keep the end-piece **5** closed during operation of the invention.